

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 2 and 4, without prejudice.

Amend claims 1 and 3, as follows:

B² 1. (Currently Amended) One-piece construction of a A plug frame for an optical connector component comprising a ferrule having two ends for respectively receiving an end portion- portions of a core optical fiber- fibers of a fiber optic cable and a cables of first and second optical connector components, the plug frame for floatingly supporting the ferrule, characterized in that the plug frame is being configured as a one-piece component, and comprising a first engagement portion formed at one side of said plug frame for engaging the first optical connector component and a second engagement portion formed at another side of said plug frame for engaging the second optical connector component, wherein the plug frame connects the optical fiber cables of the first and second optical connector components when the first and second optical connector components are engaged with the plug frame.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The one-piece construction of the A plug frame according to Claim 2 further comprising a first abutment portion for restricting movement of the ferrule in one direction and a second abutment portion for restricting movement of the ferrule in the opposite direction, wherein a flange affixed to an outer peripheral of the ferrule abuts against the first and second abutment portions.

4. (Canceled)